(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether proper safety norms are not being adopted by Government for carrying ammunition from one place to another;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any responsibility have been fixed in such blast and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) An Army convoy of mainly civilian trucks carrying ammunition stationed near Military Station, Bikaner caught fire on 11th January, 2002 at 15.00 Hours. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate the cause of the fire and to ascertain the details of the loss due to the outbreak of this fire.

From the preliminary investigation it has been ascertained that 17 Army vehicles and 161 civil transport vehicles, army assets including ammunition, a unit run canteen, officers' Mess, and a STD Booth have been destroyed/ damaged. Exact details of the losses will be known on the finalization of the Court of Inquiry. Lapses in adherence of safety norms will emerge from the report of the Court of Inquiry and appropriate action will be taken thereafter. To prevent re-occurrence of such incidents enhanced security is being provided to convoys carrying ammunition and restrictions have been imposed on the number of vehicles in a convoy. Further, it has been decided to use military transport and trains to the maximum extent possible for the movement of ammunitions.

Benefits of dual citizenship

658. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities the dual citizens would enjoy in India on being granted such citizenship; and

(b) whether they would be able to buy properties in their own name?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Government has not decided to grant dual citizenship.